U.S. National Archives & Records Administration

Records of the Agency for International Development [AID]
(Record Group 286)
1948-89
421 cu. ft.

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286.1 ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Established: In the Department of State by Department Delegation of Authority No. 104, November 3, 1961.

Predecessor Agencies:

- Economic Cooperation Administration (1948-51)

- Mutual Security Agency (1951-53)

- Foreign Operations Administration (1953-55)

- International Cooperation Administration (1955-61)

Transfers: To newly established U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency by Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1979, effective October 1, 1979.

Functions: Administers nonmilitary U.S. foreign assistance programs and supervises programs under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (75 Stat. 424), September 4, 1961.

Finding Aids: Preliminary Inventory in National Archives microfiche edition of preliminary inventories.

Security-Classified Records: This record group may include material that is security-classified.

Related Records: Record copies of publications of the Agency for International Development in RG 287, Publications of the U.S. Government. Records of U.S. Foreign Assistance Agencies, 1948-1961, RG 469.

RECORDS

RECORD TYPES	RECORD LOCATIONS	QUANTITIES
Textual Records	Washington Area	342 cu. ft.
	Truman Library	9 cu. ft.
Motion Pictures	College Park	376 reels
Video Recordings	College Park	77 items
Sound Recordings	College Park	375 items
Machine-Readable Records	College Park	249 data sets
Still Pictures	College Park	31,169 images

286.2 RECORDS OF AID PREDECESSOR AGENCIES
1950, 1955
10 lin. ft.

History: For administrative histories of AID predecessor agencies, SEE RG 469.

286.2.1 Records of the Economic Cooperation Administration

Textual Records (in Truman Library): Office files of Special Assistant to the President Gordon Gray, 1950, relating to preparation of his "Report to the President on Foreign Economic Policies," submitted November 10, 1950.

286.2.2 Records of the International Cooperation Administration

Motion Pictures (2 reels): U.S. assistance to Afghanistan, Ecuador, Ethiopia, India, Indochina, Indonesia, Libya, Paraguay, Sudan, and Thailand, 1955 (1 reel). U.S. military assistance programs and cooperation in North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, and Rio Pact countries, 1955 (1 reel). SEE ALSO 286.7.

286.3 RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AID
1955-74
314 lin. ft.

286.3.1 Records of the Office of the Director

Textual Records: Security-classified subject file, 1957-74, and subject-numeric file, 1956-74. Program surveys and evaluations, by country, 1959-74. Regional briefing and fact books, 1965-73.

286.3.2 Records of the Operations Division

Textual Records: Security-classified and unclassified country files of the Latin America Branch, 1955-74. Security-classified country files of the Africa/Near East and South Asia Branch, 1956-72; and the East Asia Branch, 1955-73.

286.3.3 Records of the Vietnam Division

Textual Records: Security-classified subject file, 1955-72.

286.3.4 Records of the Training Division

Textual Records: Subject file, 1963-72. Records of the Inter- American Police Academy, consisting of general correspondence, 1962-64; a subject file, 1956-64; and records concerning the International Association of Chiefs of Police, 1954-64.

286.3.5 Records of the Technical Services Division

Textual Records: Security-classified general correspondence, 1966-68. Security-classified country file, 1961-70. Security- classified and unclassified correspondence relating to geographic areas, 1965-71.

286.4 RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAINING, AID
1956-67
39 lin. ft.

286.4.1 General records

Textual Records: Training authorizations, 1964-67. Language training records, 1958-64. Third country training records, 1956- 64. Records of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation, consisting of training newsletters, 1960-62; and an inventory of training possibilities in Europe, 1965.

286.4.2 Records of the Africa Branch

Textual Records: Reading file, 1963-65. Correspondence with the African-American Institute, 1963-66. Correspondence concerning the African graduate fellowship program, 1963-66. Records relating to the African scholarship program of American universities ("ASPAU Program"), consisting of correspondence, 1961-66; and progress reports of African students participating in the program, 1965-66. Records pertaining to an Ethiopian student, 1965-66.

286.5 RECORDS OF OTHER AID ORGANIZATIONS
1962-87
1 lin. ft. and 3,729 microfiche

286.5.1 Records of the Mission to the Sudan

Textual Records: Participant training subject files, 1963-67. Miscellaneous training records, 1962-67.

286.5.2 Records of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance

Machine-Readable Records (1 data set): Assistance provided by the U.S. Government in response to foreign disasters between 1900 and 1978 ("Disaster Assistance System Historical Analysis Master Files, 1920- "), 1979, with supporting documentation. SEE ALSO 286.10.

286.5.3 Records of the Bureau for Africa

Textual Records: Microfiche copy of development project files, 1973-87 (2,568 fiche).

286.5.4 Records of the Bureau for Asia and the Near East

Textual Records: Microfiche copy of development project files, 1972-87 (1,161 fiche).

**286.6 RECORDS OF THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE
1983
3 lin. ft.**

Textual Records: Transcripts of commission meetings and public hearings, 1983. Reports and briefing materials prepared for commission members, 1983. Commission final report, November 1983.

**286.7 MOTION PICTURES (GENERAL)
1949-89
374 reels**

Training and public information films, collected or produced by AID and its predecessors, documenting agency activities and projects, 1949-89.

SEE UNDER 286.2.2.

**286.8 VIDEO RECORDINGS (GENERAL)
1975-89
77 items**

Training and public information video recordings, collected or produced by AID, documenting agency programs and activities, 1975-89.

**286.9 SOUND RECORDINGS (GENERAL)
1954-73
375 items**

Recordings of Foreign Operations Administration Director Harold Stassen, International Cooperation Administration (ICA) Administrator John Hollister, and Acting ICA Director Leonard Saccio; and interviews, discussions, and reports by officials on foreign economic programs, 1954-61 (30 items). Speeches, interviews, and radio recordings of AID Administrator David E. Bell, AID officials, and others; and interviews, discussions, and reports by AID officials on foreign economic programs, 1961-66 (72 items). Weekly broadcasts of AID public affairs educational radio series, "Overseas Mission," 1971-73 (273 items).

286.10 MACHINE-READABLE RECORDS (GENERAL)
1975-89
248 data sets

Development Information System, 1976-89 (2 data sets), with supporting documentation. Computerized Index to AID Project Document Microfiche System, 1975-87 (2 data sets), with supporting documentation. Survey data from Demographic and Health Surveys Program, 1986-89 (77 data sets), with supporting documentation (167 data sets).

SEE UNDER 286.5.2.

286.11 STILL PICTURES (GENERAL)
1948-67
31,169 images

Photographs: Taken by AID and its predecessors to document economic recovery programs in Europe under the Marshall Plan, including pictures of agricultural, educational, medical, technical, industrial, and military assistance programs, 1948-67 (MP, 31,000 images). Marshall Plan activities in Europe and Africa, 1948-55 (ME, 169 images).

Finding Aids: Shelflist to series MP.

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